

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

(Amendment to the section of the specification under the heading **BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**, in its entirety):

The invention will now be further described, by way of example, with reference to the following drawing drawings in which:

Figure 1 is a top plan view of a test strip in accordance with the present invention; and

Figure 2 is a sectional view along the line A-A of Figure 1.

(Amendment to the **DETAILED DESCRIPTION**, first paragraph thereof):

The exemplified test strip comprises a planar base member 2, in this example of poly(butylene terephthalate) (PBT) (Valox® FR-1 from GE Plastics). The strip is 30 mm x 5.5 mm, and 0.5 mm thick. A working area 4 is of conventional construction, comprising a plurality of electrodes electrodes 5, a reagent layer layer 3 in intimate contact with the electrodes, and a mesh layer layer 1 for spreading out a drop of fluid to be received on the working area. Electrode tracks 12, for example of carbon, in the non-working area 8 of the test strip are connected to the electrodes in the working area 4 in known manner. Also in known manner, a dielectric layer 6 is printed around the working area 4 so as to overlie a portion of the electrode tracks 12, leaving just the ends of the tracks exposed for connection to corresponding electrodes on a meter. The layers are applied to the base member as inks, by screen printing. Each ink layer is about 10 to 20 µm thick, and the mesh is about 59 to 67 µm thick. The working area 4 has a total thickness which is about 100 µm thicker than the non-working area 8 up to the dielectric layer 6.